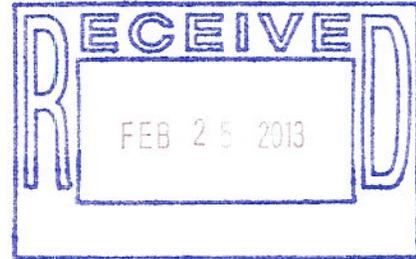


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Dear Secretary Chu:

America has had a depressed economy for the past few years. Watching our jobs move overseas and not knowing what the future holds has been a strain on the people. Exporting our natural resources like liquefied natural gas (LNG) will bring new life back into our nation. The chance to create jobs and bring money back into our states again will give our economy the boost it needs.

Ohio was a thriving state at one time. We had the Central Ohio Coal Company that employed thousands of people. Our power plants were growing. Life was good. In the past few years coal mines were shut down and the power company where my husband had worked for thirty-three years started cutting back and letting go of the older guys. The economy was proving too much. This same power company started hiring younger, less experienced people and now a lot of accidents are happening. This comes from not having the experience or skills needed. They had to make cutbacks or close down completely. My granddaughter graduated from college with a degree in interior design, but she cannot find work. Jobs are desperately needed. Ohio has a lot of natural gas and companies are starting to lease land, which gives me hope for a brighter future.

I understand Representative Markey has reservations about exporting LNG and has written a letter of opposition, but I fully support exporting our excess natural gas. We need to use every available resource we have to ease the economic burdens we have been forced into these past years. This is exactly what we need to get out of this economic slump, so please approve the export of LNG.

Thanks,

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